

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to delete claims of priority to previously filed patent applications. The withdrawal of these claims to priority is also reflected in the Application Data Sheet filed herewith. This change introduces no new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, 15 and 16 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 7, 13 and 14 were previously canceled. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10-12, and 15 were previously amended by the Examiner's Amendment of July 17, 2007. Claim 11 has been further amended in order to be consistent with the Examiner's Amendment. This change introduces no new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested. Applicants further note that the above claim numbers relate to the claims as filed and prosecuted, notwithstanding the post-allowance renumbering of the claims.

Conclusion

This amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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